(a) whether the Government have decided to allow the private sector to run sick fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the broad terms and conditions for handling over of sick fertilizer units to private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). No decision has been taken to allow the private sector to run sick fertilizer units.

Price Revision of Bulk Drugs

1104. DR. ASIM BALA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that pharmaceutical companies are selling their drugs an generic names at a much higher price then those of their awn brand named formulations of the same kind; if so, the details of the prices of their brand vis-a-vis the generics;

(b) whether price revision of a number of bulk drugs has been approved during the period from April 1991 to October, 1991; if so, the details of the bulk drugs with their previous prices and present revised price; and

(c) whether the Government propose to change the presnet Drug Policy and Durg Price Control Order (DPCO) as reported in the Economic Times dated September 2, 1991 (Calcutta Edition); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new policy is likely to be declared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) According to the Third Schedule to the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1987, all single ingredient formulations based on bulk drugs specified in the Second Schedule and sold under generic name are exempt from price control. Government do not compile data regarding prices of formulations sold under generics vis-a-vis brand names.

(b) The prices of Scheduled bulk drugs as and when fixed/revised, are notified in the Extra-ordinary Official Gazette, copies of which are available in the parliament Library.

(c) and (d). Both, the existing Drug Policy and the Druge (Price Control) Order, 1987 are being reviewed and the exercise is likely to be completed soon.

Approval for setting up of industrial units is small scale sector

1105. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entrepreneurs in tiny and small scale sector, for whom liberalised policy has been recently announced, have to approach several agencies at State level for help in the setting up of industrial units;

(b) if so, whether the "Wind of Change" conceived by the Union Government is yet to reach the local level as well; and

(c) the improvements made in each State for speedy and simplified action for according approvals in setting up those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The Entrepreneurs may approach different input providing agencies directly or they may approach the D.I.C. who

then takes up their case with different agencies on their behalf.

(b) The "Wind of Change" is already visible at all levels.

(c) To provide speedy action and effective coordination, District Advisory Committee headed by Collector of concerned District and consisting of other District Level Officers has been set up in each District.

A State Level Coordination Committee with Chief Minister/Minister of Industries as Chairman exists for effective coordination and speedy action.

Priority to Agriculture in Eighth Plan

1106. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has given low priority to Agriculture in the Eighth Plea; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. Agriculture continues to be a Priority Sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

Roads in Delhi

1107. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extent of road at present in Delhi is considered sufficient to meet the increasing traffic of vehicles;

(b) if not, whether the Government have considered any long term solution to this problem;

(c)whether the proposal of Mass Rapid Transit System or the Metro Railway which was first mooted as long back as 1969 is likely to be implemented on an urgent basis;

(d) if so, whether any time schedule for its completion has been laid down; and

(e) the reasons for extra-ordinary delay in the matter resulting in serious computer problems;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In view of the increasing traffic in Delhi, there is continuing need for expansion of road capacity.

(b) Introduction of a multi-modal Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) is a long term solution to the problem.

(c) and (e). Delhi Administration had engaged M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) for preparing a techno economic feasibility study for the introduction of MRTS in Delhi. The study recommended a 184.5 Km. multi-modal mass rapid transit network for Delhi consisting of underground metro, surface rail and express busway system. The project involves a very large investment of Rs. 5378 crores. It requires preparation of detailed project reports, analysis of the implication of land use, locational analysis, etc. Avenues for funding would also have to be identified before work on the project is commenced. A High Fowered Committee under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor of Delhi has been constituted to go into various aspects including identification of resources for the project. In view of the complexities involved,it is not possible to indicate at this stage the time schedule for completion of